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SUBJ: VISITS OF GOG OFFICIALS TO U.S.

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1. RAWIRI AND TSIBAH HAD PLANNED VISIT U.S. LATE AUGUST IN ORDER TO ACCEPT INVITATION FROM PAUL SOROS TO VISIT HIS RENTED SUMMER HOME. HOWEVER, PRESS OF BUSINESS LIBREVILLE HAS FORCED THEM TO POSTPONE TRIP, AND THEY NOW CURRENTLY PLANNING ON LEAVING LIBREVILLE AROUND SEPTEMBER 11, THOUGH THIS DATE NOT YET FIRM. THEY ALREADY HAVE TWO PLANNED VISITS--ONE WITH SOROS WHICH WILL INCLUDE VISIT TO MINERAL PORT, AND ANOTHER TO BETHLEHEM STEEL, INCLUDING VISIT TO HEAVY-DUTY RAILROAD IN NEWFOUNDLAND. THEY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY ALSO BE INTERESTED IN MEETINGS WITH OTHER AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN AS OUTLINED REFTTEL, BUT BECAUSE THEY STILL UNSURE AS TO HOW LONG THEY WILL BE IN U.S., HAVE YET TO MAKE ANY DECISIONS IN THIS REGARD. EMBASSY WILL ADVISE AS MORE INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.

2. MINFINANCE MOUKAMBI, CENTRAL BANK DIRECTOR OYE MBA, AND MINISTER OF PLAN ANCHOUEY ARRIVING WASHINGTON FOR WORLD BANK MEETINGS, ACCOMPANIED BY STAFF MEMBERS ROBERT RENOMBO AND VERONIQUE RENAMY. AS ALL ARE GOING FIRST TO PARIS FOR SEVERAL DAYS, IT NOT CERTAIN IF THEY WILL ARRIVE TOGETHER OR SEPARATELY. MOUKAMBI SCHEDULED

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ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON ON DIRECT FLIGHT FROM PARIS

AT 16:40 AUGUST 30. OTHERS MAY VERY WELL BE WITH HIM.
SCHEDULED DEPARTURE FOR ALL THREE OFFICIALS IS SEPTEMBER 5.
MOUKAMBI AND OYE MBA THANKED EMBASSY FOR OFFERS OF
ASSISTANCE WITH APPOINTMENTS, BUT SAID THERE NO PROBLEM
AS THEY ALREADY KNEW MANY PEOPLE IN U.S.. MOUKAMBI
DID EXPRESS DESIRE TO SEE FNCB AND EXIM RE FINANCIAL
AGREEMENTS FOR GE, TAMS AND LOCKHEED (SEPTTEL). SUGGEST
USDOC CONTACT MINISTERS THROUGH GABONESE EMBASSY AFTER
ARRIVAL IF SPECIFIC AMERICAN FIRMS WOULD LIKE APPOINTMENTS.
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